

Production No. 1F02

The Simpsons

"HOMER GOES TO COLLEGE"

Written by

CONAN O'BRIEN

Created by
Matt Groening

Developed by
James L. Brooks
Matt Groening
Sam Simon

This script is not for publication or reproduction. No one is authorized to dispose of same. If lost or destroyed, please notify Script Department.

THE WRITING CREDITS MAY NOT BE FINAL AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR PUBLICITY OR ADVERTISING PURPOSES WITHOUT FIRST CHECKING WITH TELEVISION LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

Return to Script Department
20TH CENTURY FOX TELEVISION
10201 W. Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90035

FINAL

Date 4/1/93

"TREE HOUSE OF HORROR IV"

Cast List

HOMER.....DAN CASTELLANETA
MARGE.....JULIE KAVNER
BART.....NANCY CARTWRIGHT
LISA.....YEARDLEY SMITH
MR. BOSWELL.....HARRY SHEARER
LENNY.....HARRY SHEARER
CARL.....HANK AZARIA
GRAMPA.....DAN CASTELLANETA
FLANDERS DEVIL.....HARRY SHEARER
BURNS.....HARRY SHEARER
SMITHERS.....HARRY SHEARER
DEVIL.....HARRY SHEARER
TEENAGE DEMON.....DAN CASTELLANETA
PIECES OF HOMER.....DAN CASTELLANETA
OGRE.....HARRY SHEARER
DEMON TECHNICIAN.....HANK AZARIA
HEAD.....DAN CASTELLANETA
OLD MALE HEAD.....HARRY SHEARER
LIONEL HUTZ.....PHIL HARTMAN
SKELETON JUDGE.....HARRY SHEARER
NIXON.....HARRY SHEARER
HOCKEY PLAYER.....HANK AZARIA

ANNOUNCER (V.O.).....HARRY SHEARER
 ANGRY DEAN.....HANK AZARIA
 PRESIDENT.....HARRY SHEARER
 COREY.....HANK AZARIA
 SCHOLAR.....DAN CASTELLANETA
 OVERSEERS.....HANK/HARRY/DAN
 JOCK.....HANK AZARIA
 TOUR STUDENT.....DAN CASTELLANETA
 BUMBLEE MAN.....HANK AZARIA
 FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS DAN/YEARDLEY/HANK
 FRESHMAN.....HARRY SHEARER
 SKINNY STUDENT.....DAN CASTELLANETA
 CROWD.....DAN/HARRY/HANK/
 NANCY/JULIE/YEARDLEY
 DEAN PETERSON.....HANK AZARIA
 PROFESSOR.....HARRY SHEARER
 CHINESE STUDENT.....HANK AZARIA
 FOREMAN.....HANK AZARIA
 ARCHITECT.....DAN CASTELLANETA
 MEN.....HARRY/HANK
 GUY #1.....HARRY SHEARER
 GUY #2.....DAN CASTELLANETA
 PIG.....DAN CASTELLANETA
 RICHARD NIXON.....HARRY SHEARER
 JAIL BIRD.....HANK AZARIA
 ELECTRONIC VOICE.....HANK AZARIA

"HOMER GOES TO COLLEGE"

written by

CONAN O'BRIEN

ACT ONE

FADE IN

SCENE 1

EXT. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - DAY

We hear the sound of many PEOPLE SNORING.

INT. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - DAY

MUSIC: A SLOW, LAZY BANJO PLAYS, "SWANEE RIVER"

HOMER is at his station, leaning back in a rocking chair, sleeping blissfully. He has a stalk of alfalfa in his mouth. An OLD HOUND DOG we've never seen before is asleep at Homer's bare feet. A few WORKERS are asleep around Homer on piles of hay. A COW walks lazily through. Suddenly smoke starts to pour out of the core.

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.O.)

(SOUTHERN ACCENT) Core meltdown in
ten seconds... nine... eight.

The cow's tail accidentally swishes against a lever, pushing it forward.

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

(SOUTHERN ACCENT) Meltdown averted.

Y'all have a good one now, y'hear?

The camera PULLS OUT from this scene on Burns' monitor and we see BURNS dozing at his desk. He's dressed exactly like Colonel Sanders. SMITHERS is curled up, asleep at Burns' feet.

EXT. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - CONTINUOUS

A large, high-tech van pulls up in front of the plant. On the side it says: "NUCLEAR INSPECTION VAN." A MAN in the cab checks a scrap of paper.

NRC MAN

Cooling towers, plutonium generator,
mule with a straw hat. (WE SEE THESE)

This must be the place.

The man and a WOMAN walk up to the front door and RING a chuckwagon-style triangle. After a beat, we hear a groggy Mr. Burns over the intercom.

BURNS (V.O.)

(GROGGY SOUTHERN ACCENT) Wuz dat?

Who? Who? I, I say... who dat?

NRC WOMAN

We're from the Nuclear Regulatory
Commission. This is a surprise test
of worker competence.

BURNS (V.O.)

(PAUSE) There must be some mistake.
We, uh, we make cookies here. Mr.
Burns' old fashioned, good time,
extra chewy...

NRC MAN

(TO MAN) Get the axe.

Instantly, the NRC man starts CHOPPING down the door.
Behind the door we hear panicked chickens SQUAWKING.

INT. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - BURNS' OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Burns and Smithers watch a line of EMPLOYEES file into the
test van from their window.

BURNS

(CONTEMPTUOUS) The watchdog of public safety. Is there any lower form of life?

SMITHERS

Don't worry, sir. I rounded up our less gifted employees and led them into the basement.

INT. BASEMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - CONTINUOUS SCENE 2

Homer and TWO very STUPID LOOKING EMPLOYEES stand in the dark recesses of the plant. In between them is a glass jar with a bee BUZZING inside it.

DUMB EMPLOYEE #1

Duh, Homer, why are we down here?

HOMER

Oh, geez, I told you, Benny. To guard the bee.

DUMB EMPLOYEE #2

But why?

HOMER

(SUPERIOR) You guys are pathetic. No wonder Smithers made me Head Bee Guy.

Homer lies down to take a nap, knocking over the jar. The bee escapes.

DUMB EMPLOYEE #1

Duh, it's getting away...

DUMB EMPLOYEE #2

(CLUTCHING HIS HEAD) Oh! We did bad!

The bee zips down a tunnel and Homer chases after it.

HOMER

Gonna get me that bee! Gonna get him
good!

EXT. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - CONTINUOUS

The NRC man and woman are getting to the end of their test.

NRC MAN

Is there a Homer Simpson present?

SMITHERS

I'm afraid he couldn't bee here.

Smithers and Burns share a LAUGH.

BURNS

Yes, he's in Geneva, chairing a
conference on Nuclear Fission. (TO
HIMSELF) Yes, that should stick.

NRC WOMAN

(IMPRESSED) H-mmm. What an amazing
mind he must have.

Suddenly, Homer pops out of a manhole, clutching his
swollen behind. He hops up and down in front of the NRC
men, his I.D. badge clearly displayed.

HOMER

(MOANING IN PAIN) The bee bit my
bottom. Now my bottom's big! Oh!

EXT. SIMULATOR VAN - LATER

The two NRC Inspectors are talking to Homer through an open
door on the van. Homer sits at a replica of his work
station.

NRC MAN

All right, Homer. We're going to simulate a power surge in core sector eight.

HOMER

(FIRM) What the hell are you talking about?

They **SLAM** the door.

INT. SIMULATOR VAN - CONTINUOUS

Two pairs of eyes watch Homer through a slit.

HOMER

(ON INTERCOM) What do I do!?

(SOBBING) What do I do!? In the name of God you've got to tell me!

NRC MAN (V.O.)

Relax, it's just a simulator.

Nothing can go wrong.

HOMER

(WORRIED) "Simulator." I don't like the sound of that.

Homer scans the board and starts pushing buttons indiscriminately.

EXT. SIMULATOR VAN - CONTINUOUS

The van starts to **VIBRATE** ominously.

NRC MAN

(HORRIFIED) Oh no...no, this can't be happening!

The van starts HUMMING and glowing bright green. Everyone SCREAMS and scatters.

ANGLE - SMITHERS AND BURNS

Burns steps into an escape pod a la "Star Wars" and shuts the door on Smithers.

SMITHERS

For the love of god, sir, there are
two seats...

BURNS

(QUICKLY) I like to put my feet up.

The pod SHOOTs fifteen feet into the air, hits the ground, and rolls down the street, knocking into trash cans, etc.

ANGLE - THE VAN

SCENE 3

Glowing intensely, the van melts into the earth. After a moment, Homer climbs out of the crater. He is glowing bright green.

HOMER

(FEROCIOUSLY) Must destroy mankind!

(LOOKS AT WATCH, SUDDENLY NORMAL)

Ohh, lunch time.

Homer shakes the glow off, and walks away.

INT. - BURNS' OFFICE - LATER THAT DAY

Burns and the NRC people are having a meeting. Outside the rear window, in the background, a team of MEN in spacesuits are covering the steaming hole with blue foam.

NRC MAN

We're still not sure how he caused
the meltdown. There isn't any
nuclear material in the truck.

BURNS

Oh, very well, it's time for your
bribe. You can either have the
washer and dryer where the lovely
Smithers is standing...

We see Smithers standing by a washer and dryer gesturing
like a game show hostess.

BURNS (CONT'D)

Or you can trade it all in for what's
in this box.

He pulls out a large box with question marks on it

NRC MAN

The box! The box!

NRC WOMAN

(NOT BUYING IT) Look, Burns, this is
a big problem. You can't just throw
money at it and make it go away.

MAYOR QUIMBY enters, wearing a long, fur coat with a game
show price tag on the sleeve.

QUIMBY

Gentlemen, I've decided there will be
no investigation. Now if you'll
excuse me, I'll go away.

Quimby exits. The NRC people produce a large file.

NRC MAN

You're in big trouble, Burns. Homer Simpson's job requires college training in Nuclear Physics. Now you get your man up to speed or we'll be forced to take legal action.

BURNS

Is that so? (COY) Well I have the feeling you'll be "dropping" the charges...

Burns presses a button and a trap door on the far side of the room swings open, harming no one.

SMITHERS

The painters moved your desk, sir.

BURNS

(REMEMBERING) Oh, yes.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

SCENE 4

The doorbell **RINGS**. Homer opens the front door, revealing Burns, Smithers, and a pack of **LAWYERS** in suits.

HOMER

(SCREAMS)

BURNS

Hello, Simpson. My lawyers and I were in the neighborhood and thought we'd stop by.

MARGE

Would you like to come in for tea and marshmallow squares?

The lawyers confer solemnly, then one of them steps forward.

LAWYER

Yes. He would.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - DINING ROOM - LATER

The Simpson family and Burns are sitting at the table having tea. Smithers and the lawyers stand behind Burns.

HOMER

So you want me to go to college?

BART

What'd you do? Bet another
millionaire you could put an ape
through school?

HOMER

Bart!

Burns stands up and goes to the door with his men.

BURNS

Remember, your job and the future of
your family hinges on your successful
completion of Nuclear Physics 101.

He turns to leave, then comes back.

BURNS (CONT'D)

Oh, and one more thing. (OMINOUS)
You must find the jade monkey before
the next full moon.

SMITHERS

Actually, sir, we found the jade
monkey. It was in your glove
compartment.

BURNS

(SHRUGGING) Ah, it's always the last
place you look.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - MASTER BEDROOM - LATER THAT EVENING

Homer and Marge are in bed.

MARGE

I think this is a great opportunity.
You could learn so much.

HOMER

Maybe you're right. I did always want
to go to college, but fate stood in
the way.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK

INT. GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S - DAY

Homer's meeting with his GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

COUNSELOR

Homer, sign this application and
you're a shoe-in.

A dog runs by the window with a ham in its mouth.

HOMER

(LAUGHS) Hey, the dog has somebody's
ham! This I gotta see!

Homer runs out, and starts fighting the dog for the ham.

HOMER/DOG

(FIGHTING NOISES) Gimme' that! No,

no, my ham! Get! My! Stupid dog!

The guidance counselor **SIGHS** and crumbles the application.

MATCH DISSOLVE
TO:

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LISA'S ROOM - DAY

SCENE 5

Crumbled up pieces of paper being thrown into a large pile.
PULL BACK to see we are in Lisa's room. Lisa is helping
Homer write his college application.

LISA

Dad, don't let these application

essays throw you. Let's see...

(READING) "List your three favorite
books and how they've influenced your
life."

HOMER

Is "TV Guide" a book?

LISA

No.

HOMER

"Son of Sniglets??"

LISA

No.

HOMER

Katharine Hepburn's "Me"?

LISA

(IMPATIENT) No.

HOMER

(MOANS) I suck.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Bart is on the couch watching TV while Homer lies on the rug, working on an application.

HOMER

(WRITING) "... it was the most I ever
threw-up and it changed my life
forever. The End."

BART

You the man, Homer.

HOMER

SCENE 5 CONT'D

Thanks boy. Now, for the crowning
touch...

ANGLE - APPLICATION

There's a box which reads, "PASTE PHOTO HERE." Homer slaps down a candid photo of himself with 'red-eye,' biting into a birthday cake.

BART

I dunno, Dad. Don't you have a better
picture?

HOMER

Relax, a photo can't make any
difference.

MATCH CUT TO:

HOMER'S PICTURE

It's now blown up and hanging in the admissions office.

INT. ADMISSIONS OFFICE - DAY

A group of ADMISSIONS OFFICERS are examining it closely.

ADMISSIONS MAN

He looks crazy.

ADMISSIONS WOMAN

Agreed. Reading his essay would only
waste valuable seconds.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

SCENE 6

Bart is on the sofa watching television.

ANGLE - TV

KRUSTY THE CLOWN is doing a Letterman-style remote. He
stands outside a shoe store talking with a FOREIGN MAN in
an apron. A sign on the window reads, "SHOE KING."

KRUSTY

(LAUGHS) (WRY) Well, oh, it says here
you're the "Shoe King." Is there a
"Shoe Queen?" How about a shoe-
parliament?

FOREIGN MAN

I do not know what you are saying.

KRUSTY

(URGENT WHISPER) Be funny, you're on
TV. (LAUGHS)

BACK TO SCENE

Homer enters the room and changes the channel.

HOMER

Sorry, son, but there's a program on
American Universities I think I
should watch.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

We now return to Corey Masterson in,
"School of Hard Knockers."

ANGLE - TV

An Angry Dean is welcoming the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES to the college.

PRESIDENT

(CHARLTON HESTON VOICE) Dean
Bitterman, I hope nothing unsavory
happens during my visit. As you
know, I am the President of the
United States.

ANGRY DEAN

Oh, don't worry, I've expelled those
rowdy members of Chug-a-lug House.

ANGLE HOMER

HOMER

(BITTER) I hate that lousy dean!

ANGLE BACK ON TV

COREY and a NERD are poised over a dynamite plunger.

COREY

Your bra-bomb better work,
Nerdlinger.

Corey pushes the plunger and we hear an **EXPLOSION**.

CUT TO:

Thousands of bras rain down on the Angry Dean and the President.

ANGRY DEAN

Corey! (TO PRESIDENT) Don't worry,

Mr. President, I...Mr. President!?

The President is now dancing.

PRESIDENT

Lighten up, Bitterman. That youngster
will make a perfect addition to my
cabinet... Secretary of Partying
Down!

The Angry Dean turns to camera.

ANGRY DEAN

G-rrrrrr!

A bra lands on his head.

ANGLE HOMER

HOMER

Yes! Take that, Bitterman!

ON TV

The movie ends and ROCK MUSIC starts to play. Credits
scroll past insipid stills from the movie.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

SCENE 7

The family is eating breakfast when Marge enters with a
stack of mail.

MARGE

Homie, your college acceptance
letters are here.

Homer grabs the letters and rips one open.

HOMER

(ANNOYED GRUNT)

He rapidly opens the others.

HOMER (CONT'D)

(ANNOYED GRUNT) (ANNOYED GRUNT) Woo

hoo! A flyer for a hardware store!

(ANNOYED GRUNT)

BART

Well, Pop, what are you going to do?

HOMER

(DETERMINED) Something I should have
done a long time ago...

The family looks at Homer for a beat.

MARGE

You don't know, do you?

HOMER

(MEEK) No.

INT. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - BURNS' OFFICE - DAY

A contrite Homer sits while Burns paces back and forth.

BURNS

Don't worry, Simpson, (DARKLY) it
just so happens I have a chair at
Springfield University...

CUT TO:

INT. BOARD OF OVERSEERS CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

We PAN DOWN a table of distinguished OVERSEERS to Burns,
who is sitting on a very scary chair with a high, jagged
back, carved demons on the arms, and a SNARLING DOG chained
to one of the legs.

SCHOLAR

I'm sorry, Mr. Burns, but I must object. This "Simpson" is not qualified.

The OTHERS nod and MUTTER in agreement.

BURNS

I see. Well, you know, fellas, I look at the admissions board a lot like a baseball team. You all like baseball, don't you?

OVERSEERS

(MUTTERED AGREEMENT)

Burns stands up brandishing a baseball bat and circles the table a la Al Capone in "The Untouchables."

BURNS

Well, to have a successful baseball club, you need teamwork. (ANGRY) Not some hot dog admissions officer playing by his own rules.

Burns wheels around and begins bashing the scholar's head with a bat. Burns is so feeble, the Scholar barely notices.

SCHOLAR

Uh... excuse me, what are you doing?

BURNS

I'm giving you the beating of your life!

Burns continues hitting him, GRUNTING and GROANING.

SCHOLAR

(UNAFFECTED) Look, if - stop that.

If you wanted him in that badly, why
didn't you just say so?

Burns sits down on the floor, exhausted.

BURNS

Smithers, dismember the corpse and
send his widow a corsage.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Homer opens a letter.

HOMER

Woo hoo, I'm a college man! I won't
need my high school diploma anymore.

Homer takes out a cigarette lighter and lights his high
school diploma on fire on the living room wall. He does a
happy rumba as the fire spreads behind him.

HOMER (CONT'D)

I am so smart/ I am so smart/ I am so
smart/ I am so smart. S-M-R-T...I
mean S-M-A-R-T.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

SCENE 8

EXT. SPRINGFIELD UNIVERSITY - DAY

Homer and Marge drive through the campus gate. A sign reads "SPRINGFIELD UNIVERSITY - EST. 1952. ASK ABOUT OUR LATIN MOTTO CONTEST."

HOMER

My first day of college. I wish my
father was alive to see this.

PAN TO GRAMPA sitting in the back seat.

GRAMPA

Hey!

HOMER

How long have you been back there?

GRAMPA

(SADLY) Three days.

They stop the car. Homer notices a BOOKISH STUDENT with glasses.

HOMER

(SHOUTING) Nerd!

MARGE

Homer, that isn't very nice.

HOMER

Marge, try to understand. There are
two kinds of college students: jocks
and nerds. As a jock, it is my duty
to give nerds a hard time.

A JOCK strolls by.

HOMER

Hey pal, did you get a load of the
nerd?

JOCK

(CONFUSED) Pardon me?

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. - STUDENT UNION - LATER

A STUDENT is leading an orientation tour of the campus.

TOUR STUDENT

This is the student dining hall,
where each day our kitchen prepares
two tons of powdered eggs, four tons
of soyburger, and three tons of mock-
apple filler.

HOMER

(GURGLING NOISE)

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - LANGUAGE CENTER - LATER

The GROUP is looking at a room of sophisticated language
booths.

TOUR STUDENT

(SQUEAKY VOICE) This is the language
center, where students employ state
of the art audio and visual equipment
to master foreign languages...

PAN OVER to see a group of STUDENTS watching a widescreen
TV. On the screen, BUMBLEBEE MAN sits on a chair
containing a porcupine.

BUMBLE MAN

Ay, es muy malo!

FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS

(IN UNISON) Ay, es muy malo!

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DINING HALL - NIGHT

SCENE 9

The room is packed with students. Most are talking with one another and some are dancing tentatively to a Sonic Youth Song. A banner reads "WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF '97 MIXER." Homer and Marge enter.

Homer looks furtively around, pulls a flask out of his jacket, and pours liquor into the punch bowl.

HOMER (CONT'D)

Heh heh. I'll be a campus hero...

A SKINNY STUDENT approaches and dips his cup in the punch. He takes a sip and jumps up on a chair.

SKINNY STUDENT

Attention everyone! The punch has
been spiked!

CROWD

(GASPS)

SKINNY STUDENT

But there's no cause for alarm. Un-
tainted punch should be here shortly!

CROWD

(CHEERS)

ANGLE - HOMER AND MARGE

HOMER

Marge, someone's squeezed all the
life out of these kids. (GROWING
ANGRY) And unless movies and TV have
lied to me, it's a crusty, bitter,
old dean!

A smiling, baby-faced DEAN PETERSON approaches. He's in his early thirties and has a full head of blonde hair.

DEAN PETERSON

(ENGAGING) Hi there, hello, I'm Dean Peterson, but you can call me Bobby. I just want you to know if you ever feel stressed out from studying or whatever, my wife gives a great back rub. Or hey, if you just want to come by and jam, I used to be the bass player for "The Pretenders."

He borrows a guitar from one of the musicians, and **PLAYS** a cool lick.

HOMER

(ANGRY) Boy, I can't wait to take some of the starch out of that stuffed shirt.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - NUCLEAR PHYSICS CLASS - DAY

Homer is sitting in the upper tier of a massive lecture hall. The PROFESSOR enters.

PROFESSOR

Good morning and welcome to Nuclear Physics 101. I see a lot of new faces, but you know the old saying, "Out with the old, in with the nucleus!"

Everyone **LAUGHS** except Homer.

PROFESSOR (CONT'D)

Now, we'll begin by - oops...

The Professor drops his notes.

HOMER

(LONG, OBNOXIOUS LAUGH)

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE 10

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - NUCLEAR PHYSICS CLASS - LATER

As the lecture progresses, Homer notices the students around him furiously taking notes. He glances at his own book.

ANGLE - NOTEBOOK

Homer has crudely drawn the professor wearing a duncecap with a word balloon saying "BLAH BLAH BLAH." Homer rips it out and hands it to a CHINESE STUDENT next to him.

HOMER

Ps-s-st, pass it around...

CHINESE STUDENT

(MUTTERED ANGRY CHINESE)

ANGLE - THE PROFESSOR

PROFESSOR

Now, if anyone would like to stay,
I'm going to hold a comprehensive
review session after every class.

HOMER

Do we have to?

PROFESSOR

No.

HOMER

(WAY TOO BIG) Then kiss my yellow
butt goodbye!

Homer bounds out of the hall and everyone else stays. After a beat, he is visible through a large window, chasing squirrels with a stick and LAUGHING.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - MASTER BEDROOM - DAY

Homer is lying on his bed. The room has been transformed into a college dorm with posters of ballerina feet, Einstein sticking out his tongue, and W.C. Fields playing cards covering the walls. A cruddy bookshelf made of cinderblocks stands near the bed. Marge notices the bookcase.

MARGE

Homer, we have a perfectly good
bookcase.

HOMER

Yeah, but this is what they're doing
on campus. Besides, it isn't costing
us - I swiped the cinderblocks from a
construction site.

CUT TO:

EXT. CONSTRUCTION SITE - CONTINUOUS

A sign reads "FUTURE SITE OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL." A FOREMAN is talking to an ARCHITECT.

FOREMAN

Sir, six cinderblocks are missing.

ARCHITECT

(GRIM) There'll be no hospital then.

I'll tell the children.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - NUCLEAR PHYSICS CLASS - DAY

The Professor walks to a model of a complex machine.

PROFESSOR

This proton accelerator de-stabilizes
the atom in this chamber here, then
propels it...

Homer stands up.

HOMER

(COCKY) Excuse me "Brainiac," but I
worked in a nuclear power plant for
ten years and I think I know how a
proton accelerator works.

PROFESSOR

Well please, come down and show us.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. - NUCLEAR PHYSICS CLASS - MOMENTS LATER

Students run SCREAMING from the classroom, which glows
bright green. A glowing Homer walks out nonchalantly and
sees the men in protective suits (from Act One) running
towards the classroom.

HOMER

In there, guys.

MEN

Thanks, Homer.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DEAN'S OFFICE - DAY

SCENE 11

DEAN

Homer, no one blames you for the
accident. We simply feel you might
benefit with a little outside
tutoring. I researched these names
myself...

He hands Homer a slip of paper.

HOMER

(MUTTERING) Yeah, you've won this
round, Dean. But the war isn't over.

Homer marches out defiantly. After a beat the phone RINGS.

DEAN

Hello?

HOMER

(FAKE VOICE) Hello, Dean? You're a
stupid head.

The Dean looks out the window and sees Homer on a pay
phone.

DEAN

Homer, is that you?

Homer looks right at the Dean.

HOMER

(SMALL SCREAM)

He drops the phone and runs away.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Homer leans in the door. Three science nerds: GARY, DOUG,
AND BENJAMIN, each sit at a small desk typing on a
computer. A Starship Enterprise model (The Next
Generation) hangs from the ceiling, and a Ren and Stimpy
Poster covers one wall.

HOMER

Hiya, gang!

DOUG

(ROBOT VOICE) Intruder Alert!

Intruder Alert!

GARY

(ROBOT VOICE) Stop the Humanoid!

They all GIGGLE childishly.

HOMER

(IRRITATED) Look, I'm supposed to get
a physics tutor...

DOUG

Well, you've come to the right place
then. If there's one thing we know,
it is science...

BENJAMIN

And math...

GARY

And the words to every Monty Python
routine...

GARY/ DOUG/ BENJAMIN

We are the Knights who say Nee! Nee!

Nee! Nee! (LAUGH)

They start GIGGLING uncontrollably at this bit. Homer
looks around nervously.

HOMER

Heh heh. "Nee."

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

SCENE 12

The family is eating dinner.

HOMER

(FILLED WITH WONDER) We played
Dungeons and Dragons for three hours.
(SADLY) Then I was slain by an elf.

BART

Listen to yourself, man. You're hanging with nerds.

HOMER

(THREATENING) You take that back...

MARGE

Homer, please. These boys sound very nice, but they're clearly nerds.

HOMER

(PLEADING) But Marge, you've seen movies. Nerds wear thick glasses with tape around the middle. And they have names like "Nerdameyer" or "Nerdington."

LISA

Dad, nerds are nothing to fear. In fact they've done some pretty memorable things. Some nerds of note include; popcorn magnate, Orville Redenbacher, rock star, David Byrne and Supreme Court Justice David Souter.

HOMER

(GASPS) Not Souter...

Homer **MOANS** and buries his head in his hands.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - DAY

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin are sitting behind their computers, exactly like before. Homer lies on the couch with a textbook open on his chest.

DOUG

Come on, Mr. Simpson, you'll never pass this course if you don't know the periodic table.

HOMER

(GLUM) I'll write it on my hand...

DOUG

Including all known Lanthanides and Actinides? (CHORTLING) Good luck!

The nerds all laugh. Homer sits up.

HOMER

C'mon guys, look at yourselves. You're in college and what do you do all day besides study?

BENJAMIN

Hey! I've memorized the titles of all two thousand Isaac Asimov stories. (QUICKLY, TO HIMSELF) "Absolution," "Aerocon 4," "After Mirabar," "Ahoy All Asteroids..."

HOMER

Don't any of you have a girlfriend?

DOUG

There's a girl down the hall who
borrowed my printer once.

Homer jumps to his feet.

HOMER

Boys, we're going out! I'm going to
show you the true meaning of college!

GARY

Wait a minute, I'll put on my snow
pants.

DOUG

Me too.

BENJAMIN

Me too.

EXT. SIMPSON HOUSE - DAY

SCENE 13

Homer is loading beer into the back of the family car.
Gary, Doug, and Benjamin sit patiently in the back seat.

HOMER

Aah, the college road trip. What
better way to spread beer-fueled
mayhem?

Marge approaches.

MARGE

If you're going for a ride I'd like
you to take Bart and Lisa.

HOMER

(WHINY) But Marge, we're college guys
and we're up to no good...

Doug leans out the window.

DOUG

Mr. Simpson? Gary spilled his ear
medicine.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY

An angry Homer drives with Bart and Lisa in the front seat. The three nerds sit in the back -- Gary is asleep, Doug is listening to "Devo" on a walkman, and Benjamin is **CLICKING** away on a laptop. Everyone is wearing paper hats that read, "SPRINGFIELD PETTING ZOO."

LISA

Oh, those baby ducks were so cute. I
can't believe they let us walk right
up and feed them.

The car hits a small bump.

BENJAMIN

Mr. Simpson, could you watch those
bumps? They jar my data.

HOMER

(MOANS)

Homer and Bart each roll their eyes.

GARY

I need to go to the bathroom.

LISA

(IRRITATED) We stopped five minutes
ago.

GARY

Yeah, but someone knocked on the door
and I couldn't go.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - DAY

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin are at their desks and Homer is pacing back and forth. Bart is lying on the couch, playing with a yo-yo.

HOMER

I'm telling you, a big crazy prank is
just what the doctor ordered.

(LAUGHS) The Dean'll go nuts!

GARY

But I like the dean. He dressed as
Batman for our superhero party.

Homer **SNAPS** his fingers.

HOMER

I got it! We wait by his mailbox,
and when he comes outside, we beat
his head in with a shovel.

Homer **GIGGLES** a little too long. Suddenly, there is a
horrible **SCREECHING** sound. Everyone turns to see Bart,
SCRAPING his fingernails down a blackboard a la Robert Shaw
in "Jaws."

BART

So it's a prank you're lookin' for,
is it? I'll give you your prank...

SCENE 14

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - SEVERAL HOURS LATER

The three nerds, Homer, and Bart are huddled around a large map.

BART

The only other college in fifty miles
is Springfield A&M, so they're our
best target.

HOMER

(SEETHING) Those bastards...

Bart whips glossy photos out of an envelope. The first one
shows a PIG wearing a letterman's sweater and a beanie,
surrounded by a bunch of students.

BART

Meet Sir Oinks-A-lot, the beloved
mascot of Springfield A&M. Here he
is presiding over last year's
homecoming. (SLAPS DOWN A PHOTO) Here
he is conferring an honorary degree
on Richard Nixon. (SLAPS DOWN A
PHOTO) And here he is rolling in his
own filth. Gentlemen, I propose we
kidnap Sir Oinks-A-lot...

HOMER

And then we beat his head in with a
shovel. (GIGGLES)

The others stare at him, nervously.

HOMER

What?

EXT. SPRINGFIELD A & M - NIGHT

Homer and Bart sit in the front seat of Homer's car as
Gary, Doug, and Benjamin coax SIR OINKS-A-LOT into the back
seat.

GARY

Hey, Ben, that was a great idea,
filling the backseat with smelly
garbage so the pig would feel at
home.

BENJAMIN

But I didn't...

The nerds push the pig into the back seat and get in.

HOMER

The perfect crime, eh Bart?

Homer peels out, sideswiping a statue of the Founder. *
The statue topples onto a building marked "RARE BOOKS
LIBRARY" and **BURSTS** into flames.

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM - DAY

SCENE 15

Dean Peterson is addressing a group of students just
outside the nerds dorm.

DEAN PETERSON

We have reason to believe the pig may
have been stolen as part of some
misguided prank. So If anyone has
any information, any information...

Suddenly, they hear **GRUNTING**, **CHEWING** and **STOMPING** coming
from inside the dorm.

INT. DORM ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The Dean and several students rush into the room and see
Homer **GRUNTING** and **STOMPING** his feet as he eats a
particularly tasty submarine sandwich.

HOMER

(PIG-LIKE CHEWING NOISES)

DEAN PETERSON

(HORRIFIED) Good lord...

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - SUPPLY ROOM - DAY

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin are hiding out with the pig. The pig is stumbling around the room, bumping into things.

DOUG

Hey, the pig's acting kinda funny.

GARY

He and Mr. Simpson split a case of malt liquor.

BENJAMIN

Guys, he's really sick.

Suddenly, the pig topples over.

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. - CAMPUS - CONTINUOUS

Dean Peterson is strolling by and hears the THUD.

DEAN PETERSON

Hello, that sounds like a pig

fainting.

He runs towards the supply room.

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. - CAMPUS LAWN - DAY

Dean Peterson and the three nerds watch as a Med-evac helicopter takes off, the pig hanging from a winch.

PIG

(MOANS)

DEAN PETERSON

I'm truly sorry, boys, I've never expelled anyone before, but that pig had some powerful friends.

PRESIDENT NIXON approaches.

NIXON

(TO NERDS) Oh, you'll pay. Don't
think you won't pay.

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. ENTRANCE - DAY

The nerds are standing outside the campus gate with their
luggage and computers piled up around them. The gate
closes with a loud hydraulic **CLANG**. We PULL BACK to see
Homer standing on the other side of the fence.

HOMER

Guys, believe me, I didn't know this
was gonna happen...

BEN

Oh, don't worry Mr. Simpson. We can
take care of ourselves.

Homer watches them sadly through the gate. The three nerds
shuffle away pathetically. Suddenly, JAIL BIRD runs up to
them.

JAIL BIRD

Uh, wallet inspector.

They immediately hand their wallets over in unison.

DOUG

(CORDIALLY) Here you go. I believe
that's all in order.

JAIL BIRD

Huh, I can't believe that worked.

Jailbird runs off with the nerds' wallets.

HOMER

(REALIZING) Hey, that's not the
wallet inspector.

On Homer's concerned face we...

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

SCENE 16

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin are unloading their stuff in the front hall. Homer is talking with Marge in the living room.

HOMER

But Marge, they don't have anywhere to stay.

MARGE

What about their parents?

HOMER

They're on a murder mystery cruise off San Diego.

MARGE

(DUBIOUS) Well, I suppose it's all right...

The three nerds walk in with their heads tilted back.

BENJAMIN

Mr. Simpson, we all have nose bleeds.

MARGE

Oh, for the love of...

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The nerds have set up their computers on three card tables. Cables and surge protectors cover the floor. Marge sits on the couch, reading. Lisa enters.

LISA

Have any of you seen Snowball II?

GARY

I'm allergic to cats so I locked her
in a linen closet.

LISA

(MUTTERING) Damn nerds.

Marge picks up the phone and hears the **HIGH-PITCHED
SQUEALING** and **SQUAWKING**.

MARGE

What's wrong with this phone? It's
making crazy noises.

GARY

(CONDESCENDINGLY) Those "crazy
noises" are computer signals.

BENJAMIN

Yeah, some guys at M.I.T. are sending
us reasons why Captain Picard is
better than Captain Kirk.

DOUG

(CHORTLING) They're out of their
minds!

Nerds LAUGH.

EXT. SIMPSON HOUSE - DAY

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin walk out the door with Bart.

GARY

We thought we should walk you to
school.

BART

(WAVING THEM OFF) ...Uh that's Okay.,
fellas.

BENJAMIN

Uh, better safe than sorry...

CUT TO:

EXT. SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - TEN MINUTES LATER

NELSON stands over the three nerds, who lay sprawled on the ground. An embarrassed Bart stands off to the side.

NELSON

Haw haw!

GARY

(TO OTHER NERDS) Lie still, he may
lose interest!

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

SCENE 17

Bart and Lisa are watching TV with the nerds.

ON TV

We see an Itchy and Scratchy title card that reads:
"BURNING DOWN THE MOUSE."

LISA

(VERY EXCITED) I heard about this.
This is the one where Scratchy
finally gets Itchy.

BART

Wow!

ON TV

SCRATCHY has ITCHY tied to a post. He shoves dynamite in Itchy's ears and under his eyelids. He opens a box of plastic explosives and molds a beard and stovepipe hat on Itchy. He hangs two hand grenades from Itchy's ears like earrings. He hooks an IV of nitroglycerine up to Itchy. Scratchy then wheels two nuclear missiles up to Itchy and aims them at his eyeballs. Scratchy lights a fuse, hails a cab, and drives away. Itchy struggles frantically as the fuse gets closer and closer.

ANGLE ON BART AND LISA

They hold each others hands.

BART

(AWED) My purpose in life is to
witness this moment.

ON TV

Just as the fuse is about to hit the dynamite, the TV screen goes black.

BACK TO SCENE

Gary has pulled the plug.

BART/LISA

(SCREAMS)

GARY

We need the outlet for our rock
tumbler.

BART/LISA

Plug it in! Plug it in!

GARY

What? The rock tumbler or the TV?

BART/LISA

The TV! The TV!

Gary plugs the TV back in.

ON TV

We see the title card: "The End."

CUT TO:

Krusty. The kids in his audience are going nuts. (KIDS
APPLAUD)

KRUSTY

Wow! They'll never let us show that
again. (LAUGHS)

BART/LISA

(SCREAMS)

CUT TO:

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - KITCHEN - MORNING

The Simpsons are eating breakfast. Bart is sharpening a
knife with a wild look in his eye.

BART

Dad, start diggin' some nerd holes.

LISA

It's bad enough they put their
retainers in the dishwasher -- Can't
we do something?

MARGE

I agree. I want those geeks out of
my house.

HOMER

All right. All right. I'll figure
out a way to get them back into
college. But I still think you're
overreacting.

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin enter wearing long underwear.

DOUG

(SADLY) Ah, we broke the toilet.

The other nerds MURMUR agreement.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - BART'S BEDROOM - LATER

SCENE 18

Doug, Gary and Benjamin are cowering in a corner.

HOMER

I'm telling you guys, it'll work.

The only antidote to a zany scheme is
an even zanier scheme.

DOUG

Well, I suppose if it's a rational
plan...

HOMER

(SNAPS FINGERS) I got it! We're
gonna fix it so you guys save the
dean's life.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. CAR - TIGHT SHOT

Homer is hunched over the wheel, with a look of crazed
determination. He checks his watch.

HOMER

Perfect.

WIDEN to see that Homer is speeding across the campus,
ripping up the lawn.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DEAN'S OFFICE

Dean Peterson emerges. Doug, Benjamin, and Gary are
crouched nervously behind some nearby bushes.

GARY

(LOOKING AT HIS WATCH) Okay. We
push him out of the way in exactly
three seconds.

DOUG

Should we correct for wind
resistance?

BENJAMIN

(MUSING) Hmm. Possibly... (TO GARY)
What do you think?

Homer **SLAMS** full speed into the dean with a sickening **THUD**.

DOUG

(SMALL) Oh my.

BENJAMIN

Huh, I didn't know the dean wore a
toupee.

GARY

(WORRIED) That's not a toupee.

INT. SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - ROOM - DAY

Homer and the three nerds visit the dean, who is lying
in bed wearing a baseball cap. His arm is in a sling.

HOMER

Well, dean, I'm really sorry but, I
guess this makes us even.

DEAN PETERSON

(WEAKLY) I'm not sure I understand...

HOMER

All those pranks were my idea. I'm
the one who should be expelled.

DEAN PETERSON

Well, I'm touched by your honesty.
And who knows, perhaps I've been a
bit of an ogre myself. How's this,
I'll re-admit your friends and forget
this whole silly incident ever
occurred.

DR. HIBBERT enters holding an artificial hip joint.

DR. HIBBERT

Oh, Dean, this is what your new hip
is going to look like.

Hibbert works the joint. It **SQUEAKS** pathetically then
SNAPS in two.

DR. HIBBERT (CONT'D)

(CHUCKLES GOOD NATUREDLY) You're
gonna have to go easy on it.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - NIGHT

SCENE 19

The nerds and Homer enter carrying the nerds' stuff.

BENJAMIN

Oh, it's good to be back after all
these weeks.

DOUG

*

Better check our answering machine,
huh?

He presses a button on the answering machine. *

AUTOMATED VOICE *

You have zero messages.

The nerds SIGH with relief. *

GARY *

We really want to thank you, Mr.
Simpson.

HOMER

(SIGHS) No problem, guys. The
important thing is that we wrapped up
all the loose ends.

Homer crosses his arms and smiles way too broadly.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - NUCLEAR PHYSICS CLASS - DAY

PROFESSOR

So, in conclusion, good luck on
tomorrow's big final exam.

HOMER

Exam?!? Oh, this is just like one of
those bad dreams.

Homer looks down to see that he is in his underwear.

HOMER (CONT'D)

(SCREAM)

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - LATER

GARY

(VERY CONCERNED) What are you going
to do Mr. Simpson?

HOMER

Actually, I've been working on a plan. During the exam, I'll hide under some coats and hope that somehow everything will work out.

DOUG

(SKEPTICAL THEN DRAMATIC) Or, with our help you could cram like you've never crammed before.

HOMER

(SHRUGGING) Whatever. Either way is good...

MONTAGE

MUSIC: INSPIRATIONAL

- 1) Homer checks out a stack of books at the campus library. He adds them to a wheelbarrow full of books and wheels them away.
- 2) Homer's head is restrained in a vice and his eyes are taped open. Gary massages his scalp as Benjamin and Doug turn the pages of an opened book propped in front of Homer.
- 3) Homer nods off. Benjamin **SLAPS** his face lightly. Homer instantly punches Benjamin in the face.
- 4) A smiling Homer hands his completed test to the professor. Homer turns and exits jubilantly, **KICKING HIS HEELS** in the air.
- 5) **TIGHT** on Homer's test. As the **INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC** climaxes, a hand quickly scans the test answers, then **STAMPS** a big red "F" on it.

INT. SPRINGFIELD U. - DORM ROOM - SEVERAL DAYS LATER

The three nerds are reading a letter as Homer lies on the couch.

GARY

SCENE 20

Aw, man, I can't believe you failed.

HOMER

(MOANS) I'm gonna lose my job just
'cause I'm dangerously unqualified.

GARY

Mr. Simpson, there is a way. We
could... well, use a computer to
change your grade.

HOMER

(AMAZED) Computers can do that?

GARY

Oh yes, the only problem is the moral
dilemma it raises, which requires...

We WIDEN to see Homer hugging and kissing Benjamin's
computer.

HOMER

(SMOOCHING) Huh? Oh yeah, right,
that.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The family and the three nerds are sitting around. Marge
is reading Homer's grade.

MARGE

(IMPRESSED) An "A plus"! How did
you do it?

HOMER

(COY) Oh, let's just say I had help
from a "little magic box..."

MARGE

You changed your grade with a
computer?

HOMER

(ANNOYED GRUNT)

BART

Way to go, dad!

HOMER

Look, the important thing is that we
all learned a lesson. (TO NERDS)
These guys learned the richness and
variety of the world outside college.

GARY

No we didn't.

HOMER

Oh. Then I learned the real value of
college is to study and hard work.

LISA

No you didn't. You only passed your
course by cheating, which you always
taught us was wrong.

HOMER

(THINKING) Hmmm, true. Then I guess
all I learned is that deep down,
underneath it all, I'm a nerd too.

Gary, Doug, and Benjamin react.

GARY/DOUG/BENJAMIN

You think we're nerds?

We FREEZE on their reaction.

Bad ROCK MUSIC kicks in and the credits scroll over **stills** from the episode, including many we've never seen before (such as Homer on water-skis, wearing a toga; Homer leading a massive food-fight, Homer pushing Dean Peterson into a pool, and the nerds driving a tank onto a football field).

FADE OUT

THE END